

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1005
By Shepard

A RESOLUTION to commend Brandi Robinson for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee in her "Field of Dreams" a reality.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable community servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Brandi Robinson is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; she has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, a devoted mother, Ms. Robinson greatly enjoyed the opportunity of taking her children to the playground, but found that the drive from White Bluff to the closest playground at Bellevue made such excursions more difficult and infrequent than would be ideal; and

WHEREAS, thus inspired, she embarked on a crusade to construct a playground in her own community, so that her friends and neighbors would have a wonderful location at which to spend quality time with their children and form memories that would last for a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Robinson organized a group of mothers to pursue her goal, and they raised money through cake sales, suppers, and a trike-a-thon to get the project moving; and

WHEREAS, the needed funds did not come easily, so the dedicated Ms. Robinson proceeded to meet with a senator, a representative, and the chamber of commerce in order to enlist their support; and

WHEREAS, later, she met with a group of businessmen who commented that she was an incredibly impressive and motivating speaker; with their support, the playground project proceeded; and

WHEREAS, the entire community bought into Ms. Robinson's vision, and nearly everyone in her small town of White Bluff joined in building of the incredible playground, which included a playhouse, a sand table, pavilions, a climbing wall, slides, and swings in its design; and

WHEREAS, a storm set in as the last nail was driven, but the weather could not dampen the spirits of the children who finally had a place of their own; one special child with a major impairment who had never before sat in a swing or even raised his head, sat in a swing as his mother pushed him higher and higher, and as he raised his face to the pouring rain, grown men standing nearby in the rain watched with tears rolling down their faces; and

WHEREAS, it was a moment that will never be forgotten by those who witnessed it, and it was surely only the first of many such wonderful moments; and

WHEREAS, the aptly named "Field of Dreams" will celebrate its grand opening on May 2, 2004; the opening will be celebrated by all, but none will be more joyful than the visionary who made the park's construction possible; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Robinson is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Nashville State Technical Institute and a former surgical technician at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, she is a great asset to her community and has also volunteered with the White Bluff Little League and has taught Vacation Bible School; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Ms. Robinson is most grateful for the love and companionship that she shares with her husband, Michael; and she is also the proud and devoted mother of four children; and

WHEREAS, Brandi Robinson is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Brandi Robinson for her honorable and astute

service to the good people of Tennessee, thank her for her efforts to bring the "Field of Dreams" playground to White Bluff, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.